Happy Birthday Aya!

Happy
birthday,
Nana~N!
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"My memories with you, even now, are still stuck inside me and I can't put them into words."

The band is starting to take off towards their first live. Mafuyu's in charge of writing lyrics, but he can't find the right words and remains unable to write anything. Uenoyama, who knows about Mafuyu's past, doesn't know what to do after realizing his feelings for Mafuyu. This story is about a fledgling band and exposing the past....

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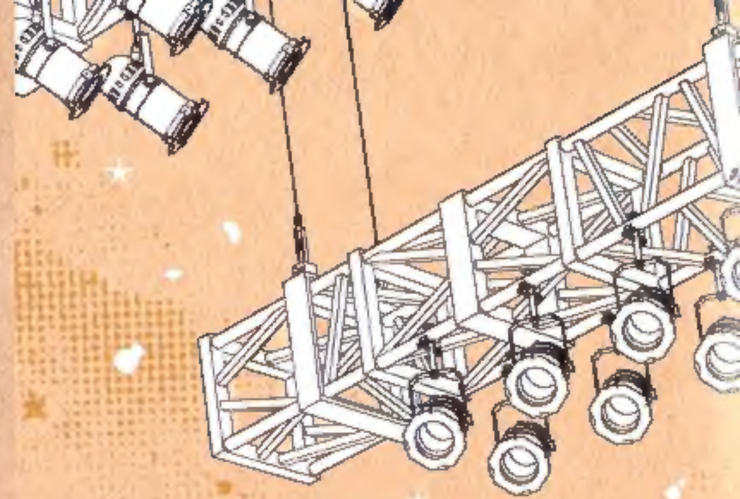

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Cancer
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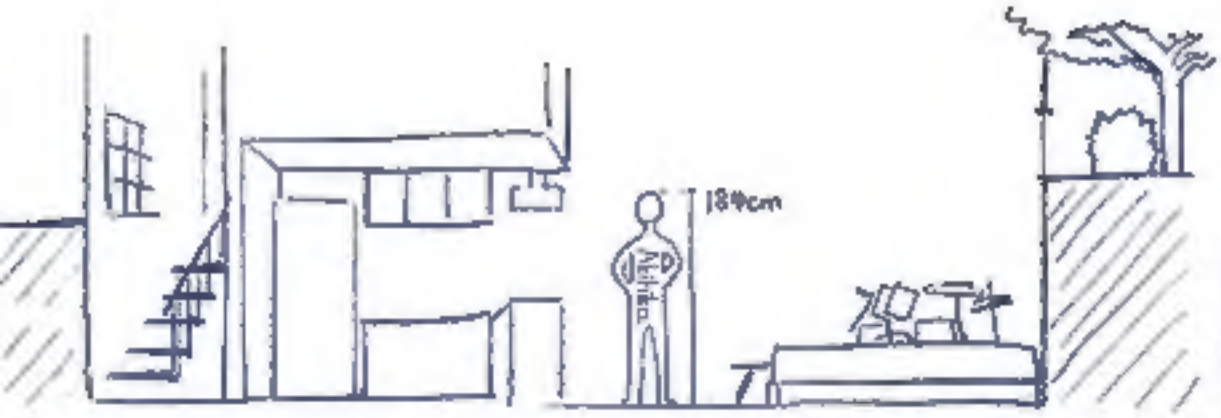
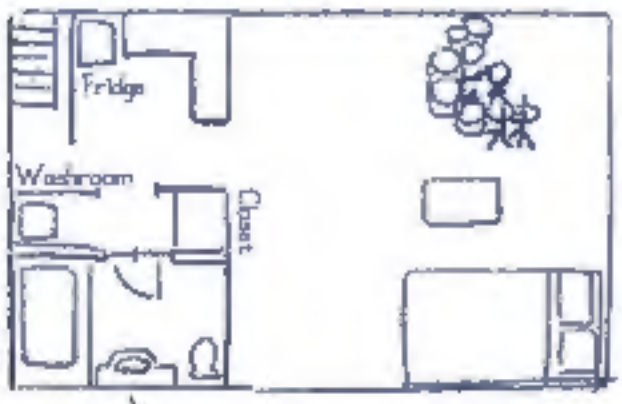
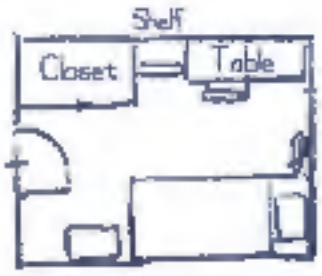


Akihiko's semi-basement type house.
It's like a closed room, so he can play as much as he wants.



Super rough semi-basement with stairs layout.

Akihiko's radio.
He's the type who doesn't have a TV at home.



Rough layout.

Uenoyama's room.
The private room for the youngest child is small.

Science student.

Uenoyama's grades at school are around the lower-middle ↑↓ rank. Mafuyu is the same and he also takes the science course.

BONUS
MISCELLANEOUS PREFERENCES COLLECTION

Haruki's part-time job

According to Akihiko, it's a 'somewhat stylish cafe'.

But Akihiko admires him for being able to make coffee using a siphon.

Mochiko cat

Pomeranian

Squirrel

Mathathi

Special Thanks

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Satou Mafuyu:

He's from the same school as Uenoyama. He's got a really impressive singing voice. Ever since he asked Uenoyama to fix his guitar for him, he's become emotionally attached to Uenoyama.

Nakayama Haruki

A University student. Bassist in Uenoyama's band. An extremely good-natured person.

Kaji Akihiko

A University student. Drummer in Uenoyama's band. Anyway, he's a popular guy.

Uenoyama Ritsuka

He's got really good guitar playing skills despite being just a high schooler. He's a considerate and compassionate guy. He's been trained thoroughly by his sister, Yayoi. A genuine younger brother among younger brothers.

Story

High school student Uenoyama Ritsuka meets Satou Mafuyu, who was sleeping while holding a broken guitar on the stairs at school, his secret place for taking a nap. After having Uenoyama fix his guitar for him, Mafuyu asks him to teach him to play it.

Unable to reject his persistent requests, Uenoyama unwillingly teaches him, but gets quite a shock after hearing Mafuyu's singing voice. After inviting Mafuyu into his band with Kaji Akihiko and Nakayama Haruki, they start composing songs for their first live, but Mafuyu can't come up with any lyrics.

One day, Uenoyama hears a rumor about Mafuyu when he was at his previous school: he used to date a guy who ended up committing suicide...

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I ALWAYS THOUGHT..

..THAT LOVE...

...WAS SOMETHING TENDER,

SWEET,

AND AFFECTIO-NATE.

I REALIZED

.. THAT WAS ONLY A PLAUSIBLE DELUSION...

. WHEN I EXPERIENCED MY FIRST LOVE.

LOVING SOMEONE FEELS JUST LIKE SOME SORT OF VIOLENCE TEARING ME INTO PIECES.

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THUNK

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT STYLE?

TO BE HONEST, I LIKE IT BETTER THAN BEFORE

I KNOW, RIGHT?

THIS GUY

AAHH...

HE'S ON FIRE!

HARUKI'S BEEN IN TOP FORM THESE DAYS.

That's sexual harassment!!

Sexual harassment, you know!!

THE ONE WHO'S IN BAD SHAPE IS...

AKIHIKO!

HOORAY~ HARUKI-SAN. HOORAY☆

BAM

UGH!

EVER SINCE THEN, MAFUYU HASN'T WRITTEN EVEN A SINGLE LYRIC.

THESE GUYS.

STILL, THAT'S TO BE EXPECTED

HIS GUITAR PLAYING IS ALSO LACKLUSTER, LIKE IT'S AFFECTED BY HIS MOOD

HOW COME YOU'RE ALSO IN A BAD WAY?

BUT UENOYAMA,

WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT JUST NOW?

AH, CALM DOWN..

DO YOU EVEN WANT TO DO THIS?

HEY, HEY..

HAVE YOU BEEN PRACTICING PROPERLY?

MAFUYU,

I DO!

WHAT?

HOLD-

HOLD IT!

grab

YOU HAVEN'T MADE ANY PROGRESS AT ALL!

AND YOU KEPT REPEATING THE SAME MISTAKE!

IF YOU'RE NOT UP FOR IT, THEN JUST-

HEY, NOW!

COVER

STOP!

Hmph!

DON'T KEEP SCOLDING HIM ONE-SIDEDLY LIKE THAT!

STOP CORNERING HIM!

UE!

UWAH. HE SAID IT.

BESIDES, YOU'VE ALSO BEEN ACTING STRANGELY RECENTLY, UE!

CLAP

LET'S STOP HERE TODAY.

IF IT GETS ANY WORSE THAN THIS, WE MIGHT DISBAND FOR REAL.

...

Oh, crap.

spaced out

...

HERE.

...

ka-thunk

HERE!

IT'S MY TREAT!

SNACK

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SAY, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE WORN OUT RECENTLY, YOU KNOW?

WHY CAN'T YOU KEEP YOUR COMPOSURE?

gulp gulp

HAAA...

...

YOU CAN'T CONCENTRATE AT ALL, SO YOU'RE NOT IN ANY POSITION TO TELL OFF OTHERS

HEY..

I'LL GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT.

HE'S NOT GONNA MAKE ANY EXCUSES?

I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T THAT KIND OF MOODY GUY.

YES.

WELL. .

JUST ASKING. .

DID SOME-THING...

...HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU AND MAFUYU?

...NN!

...

...

THE HELL?! DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE MADE A MOVE ON HIM ALREADY?!

WHAAT?!

DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT KIND OF FACE YOU'RE MAKING RIGHT NOW?!

HOLD UP. WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

AND HERE I...

I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE A LATE BLOOMER.

SHOUT

DO YOU HAVE ANY BASIS AT ALL FOR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?!

GOING ON ABOUT MAKING A MOVE ON HIM OR BEING LATE BLOOMER...

SHOUT

YOU'RE ASKING ME THAT NOW?! SERIOUSLY?!

WHAT KIND OF FACE AM I MAKING?!

IT'S A FACE SAYING, "I LIKE MAFUYU".

WHAT...

WHOOSH

...

...

Ue-sama... Stand up...

Get a hold of yourself...

I...
THAT'S...

...YEAH?

AM I
STRANGE?!

I-

I...!

!

NOT AT ALL.

WHAT'S STRANGE ABOUT THAT?

BECAUSE THE ONE YOU LIKE IS A GUY?

DO YOU MEAN SOMETHING LIKE "I'M A GUY SO MY SEXUAL PREFERENCE SHOULD BE TOWARDS GIRLS"?

...

IT'S OKAY. I USED TO THINK THAT BEFORE, BUT...

WELL, I'VE EXPERIENCED THOSE SORTS OF FEELINGS, TOO.

grip

SPIT

!

...

IT WAS IN THE PAST

release

SMIRK

OR ARE YOU SAYING...

...THAT I'M THE ONE STRANGE HERE?

SO YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPORTING HIM.

!

ANYWAY,

MAFUYU IS TRYING TO LIVE UP TO YOUR EXPECTATIONS WITH HIS SINGING,

KAJI-SAN IS SO AMAZING.

HE HELPED ME CALM DOWN WITH JUST A FEW WORDS.

NOW I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY MY SISTER'S SO IN LOVE WITH HIM.

AS I THOUGHT, I CAN'T COMPREHEND THIS.

IS THIS FEELING SOMETHING I SHOULD ACCEPT?

KAJI-SAN SAID IT HAPPENED IN THE PAST...

YOU'RE RIDING ON MY MOTORBIKE, RIGHT?

YES!

SO THINGS DIDN'T WORK OUT.

EVEN WITH A GREAT GUY LIKE HIM?

HEY IS THERE SOMEONE WHO CAN GO TAKE OUT THE TRASH?

IT'S HEAVY CARRYING THIS ALL BY YOURSELF, RIGHT?

HUH?

OKAY, I'M COUNTING ON YOU.

HEY.

IT'S FINE, RIGHT? SINCE WE'LL NEED TO CHANGE ROOMS FOR NEXT PERIOD ANYWAY

SO IT'S ON YOUR WAY.

I'M GOING, TOO.

!

OVER THERE, RIGHT?

YEAH.

Really~?

Hang out with I have a buddy you know

thud

ALL RIGHT, LET'S HURRY AND GO BACK...

?!

tear

WHY ARE YOU BEING SO KIND TO ME?

grab

WOW, WHAT A SUPER DEVELOP-MENT!

HEY, STOP PEEKING.

drip

drip

ABOUT SATOU-KUN...

DID SHE SAY SOMETHING CRUEL TO ME?!

HONEST

!?

HUH?!

EVEN THOUGH I TOLD YOU SUCH A CRUEL THING...

look around

HUH?!

AAAH!

I KEEP THINKING IT WAS SO SLY FOR ME TO TELL YOU LIKE THAT...

WELL. .

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SLY, BUT...

I TOTALLY THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER TALK TO ME EVER AGAIN.

SOB

...I WAS ALSO GLAD TO FIND OUT ABOUT THAT.

LIFT

!

SOME-THING LIKE THAT. .

THAT'S WHY... WELL, I GUESS WE'RE EVEN.

pat

I RECKON HE DOESN'T EVEN THINK MUCH ABOUT IT, DON'T YOU THINK?

grip

YEAH...

REALLY, WHY IS UENOYAMA SO POPULAR?!

YEAH...

GLOMP

MAFUYU, DID YOU SEE THAT JUST NOW?!

thump

YEAH...

BECAUSE...

..UENO-YAMA-KUN IS...

.. REALLY KIND TO EVERYBODY

HEY.

THIS GUY AND I WILL GO AND WATCH IT!

smile

?

YEAH?

I HEARD THAT YOU'RE PERFORMING AT THE NEXT LIVE?!

SPEAKING OF WHICH!

I SEE

YEAH.

BOTH OF US LIKE MUSIC, YOU SEE

DO YOUR BEST!

Okay

Also, let's play basketball during lunch. I'll play with you whenever you want

DOING A LIVE MEANS THAT THERE'LL BE PEOPLE COMING AND LISTENING

Soccer is my specialty~

Basketball is just my hobby~

I WONDER WHAT I REALLY WANT TO CONVEY TO THEM.

TWANG

TWANG

TWANG

. HAS GOTTEN BETTER.

MAFUYU..

THIS GUY...

. SUDDENLY MADE PROGRESS AND IT LEFT US DUMBFOUNDED

LOOK AT THAT.

ZZZ..
ZZZ..

HEY ..

ZZZ

HARUKI, HOW ABOUT GOING FOR A SMOKE?

I'M GOING.

LET'S TAKE A BREAK THEN.

HE'S FAST ASLEEP, I SEE.

Whaat?

SHOVE

WATCH OVER THAT, GOT IT?

'KAY.

IT FEELS LIKE HE'S SLEEPING WHILE GIVING OFF THE IMAGE OF "SMALL AND CUTE".

small and cute!

WHICH REMINDS ME, IT'S THE SAME AS WHEN I FIRST MET HIM.

THIS GUY...

IS REALLY GOOD AT SLEEPING WHILE HOLDING HIS GUITAR.

IT'S BEEN TWO MONTHS SINCE THEN.

slide

thud

AND YET, HE'S STILL JUST LIKE AN INEXPERIENCED AMATEUR.

HE'S REALLY SLEEPING, ISN'T HE?

...

NO WAY, MY HEART ISN'T BEATING FAST OR ANYTHING, RIGHT?!

ZZZ

ZZZ

NERVOUS NERVOUS

POKE

Ah...

IT'S COVERED IN BLISTERS.

HIS HAND

HIS FINGER-TIPS

.. HAVE BECOME TOUGH, JUST LIKE AN ADULT'S

MY HANDS WERE ONCE AS THIS SMOOTH

um

LENOYAMA-KUN?

I'M SORRY. I STILL HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO WRITE ANY LYRICS.

RELEASE

YOU...
YOU'RE AWAKE!
I'M AWAKE NOW.

look around
I...
I SEE...

WE STILL HAVE TIME,

SO JUST DO YOUR BEST.

OKAY.

TO BE HONEST, I'M SCARED OF THE SONG HE'S GOING TO WRITE.

I DON'T WANT TO SEE NOR HEAR IT

I DON'T WANT TO LISTEN TO MAFUYU'S SONG WHEN HE'S IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE.

HM

WHAT?

LET'S HAVE ONE MORE CIGARETTE.

COMING TO ..

SHOULD WE HEAD BACK IN?

AH, LOOKS LIKE MAFUYU'S AWAKE NOW.

AKIHIKO?

pull

pull

HUH? WHAT IS IT?

...CREATING A PART OF YOURSELF WITH THE SOFTEST AND THINNEST SKIN.

...LOVE SOMEONE...

...IS LIKE...

I've run out of cigarettes, though.

JUST A SIMPLE TOUCH COULD MAKE MY TEMPERATURE GO UP.

THEY CAN EASILY TEAR ME UP.

IF THEY SINK THEIR CLAWS IN A BIT,

AND IF THEY INTENTIONALLY SQUEEZE MY HAND TIGHTLY, THAT WOULD BE FATAL FOR ME.

UENOYAMA'S LOVE...

...IS A BOMB FILLED WITH THE POTENTIAL TO TEAR THE BAND APART.

Itaya Shougo

ITAYA SHOUGO (17)

176cm 2nd year student in high school

Birth 5/20 Taurus Blood type: O

Soccer club FW

Likes all ball games (soccer, basketball, baseball, volleyball, tennis, hand-ball, etc.).

A music freak.

HUUH? ITAYA?!
HUH?
YEAH.
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE ITAYA GUY FROM THE SOCCER CLUB?

OH? WHAT? YOU KNOW HIM?
IT'S NOT JUST KNOW... I'M ALSO FROM SOCCER CLUB, YOU KNOW!
HUH? IS HE FAMOUS?
AND WHY DO YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT HIM? AREN'T YOU HIS FRIEND?!
HE'S THE MOST FAMOUS STRIKER IN THE KANTOU REGION!

Let's play...
...basketball!
That must be a lie...
I-
I see...
STUPID! YOU'RE AN IDIOT!

The next day.
THE ITAYA I KNOW IS...
THE ITAYA I KNOW IS NOT THAT KIND OF GUY!
IT'S THE TRUTH.
THAT'S RUDE OF YOU.